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1. On 22 and 24 March 1954, KVPs stationed at the Ruinenberg Kaserne received basic training and field training in the area of the installation and at Ruinenberg Hill. An assault and defense exercise involved about 400 men. On 25 March, a unit of platoon size left the installation toward Geln. On the same day, the installation quartered an estimated 1,000 men.
2. The Ruinenberg Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 KVPs. At about 2 p.m. on 25 March 1954, KVP vehicles including 4 SP guns, 2 model BA-64 armored scout cars, and 4 command cars, which came from the direction of Krampnitz, entered the installation. All these vehicles were unnumbered and seemed to be new.
3. From 10 to 14 April 1954, KVPs received basic training and combat training in the area of the Ruinenberg Kaserne and at Ruinenberg Hill. The individual training groups numbered from 30 to 80 men. On 14 April, the installation quartered an estimated 1,000 men.
4. In the night of 19 April, the KVPs stationed at the Ruinenberg Kaserne left the installation with tanks and vehicles. The movements lasted several hours. On 20 April, the imprints of tank tracks led toward the Wildpark railroad station.

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Comment. The 2d Mech Regt of Division Potsdam, which numbers about 1,200 men, is carried in this installation. Training activity observed prior to 19 April indicates no peculiarities. It is undetermined whether in the night of 19/20 April the entire regiment left the installation for possible outtraining at the Wildpark railroad station.

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